<u>AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS</u>

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 - 8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) A method for <u>accessing</u> ~~distributing~~ a message and a video stream in a

conditional access system, the method comprising:

receiving ~~the video stream by~~ <u>authorization information with</u> a first conditional access receiver;

generating a first authorization for use of <u>a separately received content object</u> ~~the video stream~~

by <u>a plurality of set top receivers</u> ~~the first conditional access receiver~~;

~~receiving first authorization with the first conditional access receiver;~~

performing a first determination to test if <u>a first set top</u> ~~the first conditional access~~ receiver is

authorized to <u>access</u> ~~receive~~ the <u>separately received content object</u> ~~message~~;

receiving authorization information with a second conditional access receiver;

performing a second determination to test if <u>a</u> ~~the~~ second <u>set top</u> ~~conditional access~~ receiver is

authorized to <u>access</u> ~~receive~~ the <u>separately received content object</u> ~~message~~;

blocking <u>access to the separately received content object by</u> ~~receipt of the message with~~ the first

<u>set top</u> ~~conditional access~~ receiver <u>as a function of</u> ~~based, at least in part, upon~~ the determining if

the first <u>set top</u> ~~conditional access~~ receiver is authorized; and

<u>blocking access to the separately received content object by</u> ~~receiving the message with~~ the

second <u>set top</u> ~~conditional access~~ receiver <u>as a function of</u> ~~based at least in part, upon~~ the

determining if the second <u>set top</u> ~~conditional access~~ receiver is authorized.

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10. (currently amended) The method for <u>accessing a</u> ~~distributing the~~ message in <u>a</u> ~~the~~ conditional access system as recited in claim 9, wherein ~~the~~ blocking <u>access to the separately received content object</u> ~~receipt of the message~~ comprises ignoring a portion of a datastream associated with the <u>separately received content object</u> ~~message~~.

11. (canceled)

12. (currently amended) The method for <u>accessing a</u> ~~distributing the~~ message in <u>a</u> ~~the~~ conditional access system as recited in claim 9, wherein the <u>separately received content object</u> ~~message~~ comprises a software program.

13 -26. (canceled).

27. (new) The method for accessing a message in a conditional access system as recited in claim 9, wherein the separately received content object comprises a video content.

28. (new) The method for accessing a message in a conditional access system as recited in claim 9, wherein the separately received content object comprises a audio content.

29. (new) The method for accessing a message in a conditional access system as recited in claim 9, wherein the separately received content object comprises firmware.